

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE DRAFT:**

**Resolution 16-181**

**URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING ALL OCEAN SAFETY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' OCEAN SAFETY AND LIFEGUARD SERVICES DIVISION.**

**PROPOSED CD1 makes the following amendments:**

A. Amends the title to reads as follows:

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING ALL OCEAN SAFETY ACTIVITIES.

B. Amends the ninth WHEREAS clause to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ocean Safety Division under the Honolulu Emergency Services Department ("HESD") has partial responsibility for the safety of our residents and guests while in the ocean; and

C. Amends the tenth WHEREAS clause to read as follow:

WHEREAS, other City departments, such as the Honolulu Fire Department, also have staff dedicated to ocean safety, which divides the responsibility for keeping residents and tourists safe on the beaches and in the water and may create possible redundancies and opportunities for efficiencies; now, therefore

D. Amends the BE IT RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of the consolidation of the responsibilities for the safety of residents and visitors while at the beach or in the ocean under the HESD's Ocean Safety Division or the Honolulu Fire Department, to be submitted to the Council no later than April 15, 2017; and

E. Adds a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested report include an analysis of the feasibility of the consolidation, a statement as to whether the affected City departments support or do not support such a consolidation, an outline and general timeline of a possible consolidation plan, the estimated cost of the reorganization, and a statement of the impact of consolidation on affected bargaining units; and

F. Amends the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

G. Makes miscellaneous technical and non-substantive amendments.



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FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING ALL OCEAN SAFETY ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii has promoted tourism since 1892, with visitor numbers skyrocketing after Hawaii's admission as a state in 1959 and the advent of commercial jet services soon thereafter; and

WHEREAS, today tourism is Hawaii's largest industry and visitor arrivals are hitting record numbers; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's Visitor Statistics, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") has hosted over 1.7 million visitors from the U.S. mainland and around the world in the first four months of 2016 alone; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry heavily promotes the State's natural beauty, including the City's nearly 200 miles of coastline and world-famous beaches; and

WHEREAS, millions of visitors, many of whom have limited water safety skills, and hundreds of thousands of residents enjoy the City's beautiful beaches and beach parks each year; and

WHEREAS, ocean activities such as swimming, surfing, snorkeling, diving, boating, paddling and kayaking are popular for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch, the number of ocean drownings has increased in recent years, and such drownings are the fifth most common cause of death in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, because visiting the City's beaches and participating in ocean activities is an integral part of many residents' daily life and because these beaches and ocean activities are heavily marketed to visitors, the City has the responsibility to keep residents and visitors safe; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Safety Division under the Honolulu Emergency Services Department ("HESD") has partial responsibility for the safety of our residents and guests while in the ocean; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested report include an analysis of the feasibility of the consolidation, a statement as to whether the affected City departments support or do not support such a consolidation, an outline and general timeline of a possible consolidation plan, the estimated cost of the reorganization, and a statement of the impact of consolidation on affected bargaining units; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 15, 2016  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers